

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1 – 14. (Cancelled)

15. (Currently Amended) A folding top mechanism for a convertible car with an articulated ~~Articulated~~ connection of at least two elements (18, 27; 18, 25; 27,23), the mechanism comprising: ~~of a folding top mechanism (17) of a convertible vehicle, with~~

a pivot pin (30, 30', 30''), on which at least two elements (18, 27; 18, 25; 27, 23) are mounted next to one another rotationally with respect to the longitudinal axis of the pivot pin (30, 30', 30''), wherein at least one bushing (1) is located on the pivot pin (30, 30'', 30'') on which a first element (23, 27, 33) is mounted on its hollow cylindrical section (2), for prevention of rattling noises during driving, and for which an elastically formed collar (3, 3') extending in the radial direction is formed with an undulating profile in the axial direction, which is designed to compensate for axial and/or radial play between the first element (23, 27, 33) and a second element (18, 27),

characterized in that the collar (3, 3') has at least one recess (6, 7, 11, 12, 13, 14) forming a material lug (4, 4', 5, 5') extending from the outer edge to the hollow cylindrical section (2).

16. (Withdrawn) A folding top mechanism ~~Articulated connection~~ according to Claim 15,

characterized in that two recesses (11, 12, 13, 14) extending essentially in the radial direction each form a respective material lug.

17. (Currently Amended) A folding top mechanism ~~Articulated connection~~ according to Claim 15,

characterized in that a recess (6, 7) in a first section (6A, 7A) extending from an outer edge of the collar (3), at least approximately radially over the collar (3), and in a second section (6B, 7B) extending at least approximately in the circumferential direction forms a material lug (4, 5).

18. (Currently Amended) A folding top mechanism ~~Articulated connection~~ according to Claim 15,

characterized in that at least two material lugs (4, 4', 5, 5') are provided on regions of the collar (3, 3') that are oppositely situated relative to a longitudinal axis (8) of the bushing (1, 1').

19. (Currently Amended) A folding top mechanism ~~Articulated connection~~ according to Claim 15,

characterized in that the collar and in particular a material lug (4, 4', 5, 5') have at least one bulge (9, 10, 15, 16) in the axial direction of the collar.

20. (Currently Amended) A folding top mechanism ~~Articulated connection~~ according to Claim 19,

characterized in that the bulge (9, 10) has a groove-like design in the radial direction of the collar (3).

21. (Currently Amended) A folding top mechanism ~~Articulated connection~~ according to Claim 20,

characterized in that the groove-like bulge (9, 10) is provided on a material lug (4, 4', 5, 5').

22. (Withdrawn) A folding top mechanism ~~Articulated connection~~ according to Claim 19,

characterized in that the bulge is provided in a groove-like manner on the collar in the circumferential direction thereof.

23. (Withdrawn) A folding top mechanism ~~Articulated connection~~ according to Claim 19,

characterized in that the bulge has a hemispherical design.

24. (Currently Amended) A folding top mechanism ~~Articulated connection~~ according to Claim 15,

characterized in that one of the elements is an articulated arm (23).

25. (Currently Amended) A folding top mechanism ~~Articulated connection~~ according to Claim 15,

characterized in that one of the elements is a hydraulic cylinder (27).

26. (Currently Amended) A folding top mechanism ~~Articulated connection~~ according to Claim 15,

characterized in that one of the elements is a main bearing (18), fixed to the vehicle body, for the folding top mechanism (17).

27. (Currently Amended) A bushing for an articulated connection, the bushing comprising: especially for an arrangement with an articulated connection according to claim 15, with

a hollow cylindrical section (2, 2') extending in the axial direction for accepting a shaft or a pin (30, 30', 30'') and with a collar (3, 3') that is formed elastically extending in the radial direction, that is formed with a profile that is undulating in the axial direction, which is designed to compensate for axial and/or radial play,

characterized in that a recess (6, 7) in a first section (6A, 7A) running from an outer edge of the collar (3), at least approximately radially over the collar (3), and in a second section (6B, 7B) extending at least approximately in the circumferential direction forms a respective material lug (4, 5).

28. (Cancelled)